Assembly Bill No. 1175

CHAPTER 588

An act to amend Section 486 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to cooperative agreements.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1175, Bocanegra. Food and agriculture: cooperative agreements: agricultural inspector associates.

Existing law authorizes the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with county boards of supervisors and other specified entities for certain purposes. Existing law prohibits the secretary from entering into a cooperative agreement with a county of the first class for agricultural inspector services if the agreement requires that the county provide year-round services unless not less than 66% of the agricultural inspector aids not afforded protections as permanent employees employed under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees under the county's civil service or other personnel system.

This bill additionally would prohibit the secretary from entering into a cooperative agreement with a county of the first class for agricultural inspector services unless not less than 75% of the agricultural inspector associates not afforded protections as permanent employees employed under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for a county of the first class.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 486 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

486. Notwithstanding Section 482, the secretary may not enter into a cooperative agreement with a county of the first class, as defined in Section 28022 of the Government Code, for agricultural inspector services, if the cooperative agreement requires that the county provide year-round services, unless not less than 66 percent of the agricultural inspector aides and not less than 75 percent of the agricultural inspector associates not afforded protections as permanent employees employed under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees under the county's civil service or other personnel system.

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SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique circumstances of agricultural inspector associates in a county of the first class.